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**From:** Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2008 11:12 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** Re: Confidential Re: Educ Bd

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Colberg, Talis J (LAW)  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 29 07:40:54 2008  
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**Date:** Sat, 29 Mar 2008 15:33:02

**To:** "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Barbara Thompson" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>, "Lynne Smith" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2008 23:58:25

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Thompson, Barbara A (EED)" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>, "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

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To: Thompson, Barbara A (EED); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Fri Mar 28 20:41:47 2008

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2008 9:31 AM  
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Kim; Anna C (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Rep Meyer-Scheduling HB 337 Health Care Transparency Act

Russ- I will be talking to him today. Remember, I wanted (and tried) to talk to him last week and was told no, it should not be me making the call(s) to get leggings like Kevin to do the right thing. I should have tracked him down last week and done this, as look at where we are today- no schedule, 11th hour, lost time, etc.

Also though, proponents of repeal can't rely on me to MAKE any leggie do anything. They don't work that way, so proponents need to rally as hard as they can to accomplish this.

Lawmakers are sitting on over 100 bills. They do not want us to succeed, it's a very strange chemistry.

Again, I will be talking to Kevin. And others must talk to him also.

Russ, Karleen, me, everyone else needs to push harder on this. I agree with those who raise their eyebrows and question why the 3rd floor hasnt been able to push harder on this one when we do push harder on the other few priorities I laid out. The quasi-push back is very frustrating.

Anna's right that an evening hearing is fishy, but again the proponents can't blame that on lack of progress. They need to more publicly act on this.

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From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2008 09:22:24

To: "Kim, Anna C (GOV)" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>, ExternalEmailgsp  
<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)"  
<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Rep Meyer-Scheduling HB 337 Health Care Transparency Act

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they got enough pressure (they've done it before), and those in support of a repeal should be motivated enough to pick up the phone after dinner and testify.

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Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2008 8:53 AM  
To: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Rep Meyer-Scheduling HB 337 Health Care Transparency Act

Russ,

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To: ExternalEmailgsp; Kim, Anna C (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Sent: Fri Mar 28 21:38:43 2008  
Subject: Re: Rep Meyer-Scheduling HB 337 Health Care Transparency Act

Meyer said tonight that he was not opposed to hearing the bill. He said it might need to be an evening hearing to allow more time.

However, he did repeat some of the concerns you've heard already. He's getting a lot of pressure from the committee to avoid the battle. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted  
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His cell is 748-6511.

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Sent: Fri Mar 28 17:44:31 2008

Subject: Re: Rep Meyer-Scheduling HB 337 Health Care Transparency Act

Russ- what did Meyer say on this? I haven't tried calling him again based on you speaking to him- but I will attempt again if he still isn't budging. Others who also want the bill heard must start speaking up, asap, including publicly bringing it to light that Meyer is sitting on it.

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From: "Kim, Anna C (GOV)" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2008 16:50:07

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Rep Meyer-Scheduling HB 337 Health Care Transparency Act

Were you able to ask Rep Meyer to get the bill scheduled? Just want to confirm either way. I am hearing from legislators that Meyer will not schedule the bill.

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**From:** Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2008 7:59 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** Re: Balash speech

Thank you, boss.

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**To:** Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)  
**Cc:** Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Sent:** Fri Mar 28 20:46:11 2008  
**Subject:** Balash speech

He just did an outstanding job with the foresters - he gave the keynote at the dinner and was great. I learned a lot, everyone did.

He gave you all lots of kudos for working as a great team for all Alaskans.

Thank you Joe!

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